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Drinking-water supply to Cochin.

* 207 *Q.*—Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Cochin Municipality applied to the Government for a grant of a loan for the construction of a separate pipe line for drinking water from Thoppumpati at Mattancherry?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The answer is in the affirmative."

Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know, whether the Sanitary Engineer to the Government of Madras visited the place and has submitted a report to the Government and whether the Government have considered the question of granting a loan to the municipality, and if so what is the amount? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The Sanitary Engineer has inspected the existing water-supply scheme and he has suggested another scheme. The proposals in regard to this scheme have been sent to the Travancore-Cochin Government and their concurrence is expected."

Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" May I inform the Hon. Minister that even though there is an agreement with the Travancore-Cochin Government, for the present only three thousand gallons of water are supplied in the place where there are more than 30,000 people living?"

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already said that a different scheme is being thought of to provide more adequate supply of water. The proposals have been sent to the Travancore-Cochin Government and the concurrence of that Government is awaited."

Allegations against the Rationing Officer, Malabar district.

* 208 *Q.*—Sri T. VISWANATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a petition, dated 15th August 1952 from Sri C. P. K. Kurup of Vellaicode amsam in Malabar district making certain allegations against the Rationing Officer for having sold 25 bags of rice in blackmarket ; and

(*b*) if so, whether the offence was investigated and with what result?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) The question does not arise."

Site for a cancer hospital at Madras.

* 209 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras State Women's Cancer Relief Committee applied to the Government of Madras for the grant of a site for the founding of a Cancer Hospital within Madras City limits ;

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(b) if so, on what date the application was made;

(c) the extent of land required by the petitioners;

(d) whether any particular locality was mentioned in the application; and

(e) the action taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) to (e) A statement is placed on the Table of the House."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, with reference to the statement placed on the Table of the House, may I know the extent of the plot granted, and whether this plot lies within the limits of the Madras City Corporation and also whether the three sites proposed to be given are adjoining and adjacent to the plot now granted?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" R.S. No. 7 of Kotturu village in Gandhinagar and No. 75 of Pallipattu village, Madras district, have been assigned to the Chairwoman, the Madras State Women's Cancer Relief Committee."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that the land granted to the Madras State Women's Cancer Relief Committee forms part of the grazing ground of Kotturu village as well as a thrashing ground for community purposes for Pallipattu village?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know the extent of the site granted?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" About one and odd acres."

Appointment of dealers for Fair Price shops.

* 210 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any priority list has been prescribed by the Government for the appointment of dealers for Fair Price shops; and

(b) if so, the persons eligible for such appointment in order of preference?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) The order of preference is as follows :—

(i) Co-operative societies.

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